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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Oakland—Local Man Charged with Trying to Support Terrorist Group

(U) A 22-year-old Oakland man was charged on 21 July with attempting to support terrorism by allegedly opening social media accounts to promote ISIS last year and offering to join the organization. In one court filing unsealed Friday, a federal magistrate said prosecutors had alleged that the suspect, Amer Sinan Alhaggagi, “went so far as to meet with undercover agents on multiple occasions to plan a potential terrorist attack.” A lawyer for Alhaggagi, who has been in federal custody since November on unrelated charges, called the latest allegations baseless and said they stemmed from idle talk in late-night Internet chat rooms.

SOURCE: 21 July 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia—US Immigration Raids to Target Teenage Suspected Gang Members

(U) Washington— US immigration agents are planning nationwide raids this week to arrest, among others, teenagers who entered the country without guardians and are suspected gang members, according to an internal US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) memo. The raids, which were set to begin yesterday and continue through Wednesday, would target 16- and 17-year-olds, according to the memo dated 30 June. A Department of Homeland Security official speaking on background confirmed on Friday the raids were still scheduled to take place, though ICE could still change its plans.

SOURCE: 21 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Hawaii—US Army Sergeant Charged with Trying to Aid ISIS

(U) Honolulu—An Army sergeant stationed in Hawaii was charged with trying to provide equipment, training and classified military information to ISIS, after undercover FBI agents documented his offers of support to the militant group in a series of meetings in June and July, according to an indictment. Sgt. First Class Ikaika Erik Kang, 34, was arrested on 8 July and charged in an indictment filed in the United States District Court of Hawaii on 21 July. According to the indictment, which was announced over the weekend, Sergeant Kang tried to offer “material support or resources” in meetings with the undercover agents. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for each of four counts against him.

SOURCE: 23 July 2017, [New York Times](#)

#### (U) Pennsylvania—Foreign Terrorism Suspect Transferred to US for Trial

(U) Philadelphia—An Algerian, Ali Charaf Damache, was extradited from Spain and arrived in Philadelphia on 21 July, where he made an initial appearance in court on charges of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists, the Justice Department says. In 2011, he was indicted in the United States and accused of conspiring with three others to recruit men to “wage violent jihad” in Europe and South Asia and of organizing a “violent jihad organization consisting of men and women

from Europe and the US." Damache, also known as "Theblackflag," is set to appear again in court on 28 August.

SOURCE: 23 July 2017, [CNN](#)

**(U) Texas—Nine Migrants Found Dead in Tractor-Trailer**

(U) San Antonio—Eight bodies in a tractor-trailer in a Walmart parking lot were discovered by authorities early yesterday morning in what is being referred to as a human trafficking crime. Federal officials said in a statement that 39 people had been in the trailer. Of those, 30 were taken to hospitals, with about 20 in "extremely severe" or critical condition. By the afternoon, another person had died at the hospital. A spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, said that the people in the truck were probably migrants who had crossed the Mexican border on foot and been taken to a stash house before being put in the tractor-trailer to be transported farther north. The driver is in custody and will be charged.

SOURCE: 23 July 2017, [New York Times](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan—Taliban Claims Responsibility for Suicide Bombing that Killed 24, Injured 42**

(U) Kabul—At least 24 people were killed and 42 others injured in a suicide bombing this morning in Kabul, officials said. The bombing was carried out by a suicide attacker who rammed a Toyota Corolla into a commuter bus carrying government staff during the Monday morning rush hour, according to officials. The blast happened in a neighborhood where many prominent political leaders live, including Afghan Deputy CEO Haji Mohammad Mohaqqiq. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it targeted intelligence service officials.

SOURCE: 24 July 2017, [ABC News](#)

**(U) France—Interpol Circulates List of 173 Suspected Members of ISIS Suicide Brigade**

(U) Lyon—Interpol has circulated a list of 173 ISIS fighters it believes could have been trained to mount suicide attacks in Europe in revenge for the group's military defeats in the Middle East. The global crime fighting agency's list was drawn up by US intelligence from information captured during the assault on ISIS territories in Syria and Iraq. The list, sent out by the general secretariat of Interpol on 27 May, defines the group of fighters as individuals that "may have been trained to build and position improvised explosive devices in order to cause serious deaths and injuries. It is believed that they can travel internationally, to participate in terrorist activities."

SOURCE: 21 July 2017, [The Guardian](#)

**(U) Mexico—Murders Up with Deadliest Month in at Least 20 Years**

(U) Mexico City—Mexico's spiraling violence reached new heights with 2,234 murders in June, the country's deadliest month in at least 20 years, according to government data. Killings rose in states ranging from the tourist haven of Baja California Sur to the Gulf coast state of Veracruz and even in Mexico City, long considered a relative oasis from drug gang violence. For the first six months of 2017, authorities nationwide recorded 12,155 homicide investigations, or 31 percent more than the 9,300 during the same period last year.

SOURCE: 23 July 2017, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Mexico—Jobseekers Tricked into Joining Cartel Boot Camps**

(U) Guadalajara—Mexican authorities have discovered two drug cartel training camps in the western Mexican state of Jalisco, where they believe about 40 people were trapped and trained after being tricked by online job advertisements. The victims were apparently lured by job offers on Facebook for

private security guards or municipal police, according to authorities. In early June, authorities received six separate missing person reports. All of those missing had said they were going to pursue job opportunities in the village of Tala, about an hour west of Guadalajara, according to the state's attorney. SOURCE: 22 July 2017, [Telesur](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) Arizona—Tucson Woman Facing Smuggling Charges**

(U) Sonoita—A 56-year-old Tucson woman is facing smuggling charges after three men, who entered the country illegally, were found in the trunk of a car on 20 July during an immigration inspection north of Sonoita. Agents from the Sonoita Station stopped a 1998 Toyota Camry to check the immigration status of the driver, who appeared to be traveling alone according to federal authorities. "Further inspection of the Camry revealed there was no emergency trunk release," said US Customs and Border Protection in a news release. Last month, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol renewed a longstanding program with Mexico with the implementation of new policy to prosecute human smugglers on both sides of the border.

SOURCE: 21 July 2017, [Tucson News Now](#)

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